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Serial No. 09/523,237	)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN
Filed: March 10, 2000	)	Confirmation No. 5771
Title: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET	)	Date: July 30, 2003
NUCLEIC ACIDS USING MODIFIED	)	
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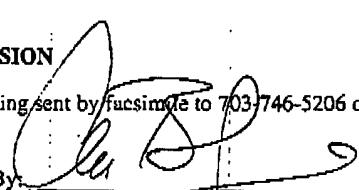
Dear Examiner Lacourciere:

In anticipation of our interview scheduled for August 5, 2003 at 10:00 A.M., please find attached a completed Form PTOL-413A.

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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/523,237 First Named Applicant: Michael M. Becker  
Examiner: Karen Lacourciere Art Unit: 1635 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Karen Lacourciere (2) Michael M. Becker  
(3) Charles E. Cappellari (4) \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Date of Interview: 8/5/03 Proposed Time: 10:00 A.M./P.M.

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [ ] Telephonic (2) [X] Personal (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES [X] NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s Rejected Claims	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102(b)</u>	<u>Rejected Claims</u>	<u>Cited</u>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

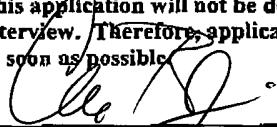
Discuss patentability of claim 492 amended to include limitation of claim 493  
in view of Palfi et al. (PNAS, vol. 88, October 1991, pages 9097-9101).

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

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